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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate or fresh Southwest Winds; occasional showers during the morning; otherwise fair.
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Allied Note Calls On Russia To Lift Berlin Blockade

Washington, July 6.—The United States, Britain and France today called upon the Russian government itself to lift the blockade of Berlin. They warned the Kremlin that the Western Powers take an extremely serious view of the German crisis.

At the same time the Western nations began a series of conferences here designed to produce a formula for American military support to the Western European Union.

The double-edged technique employed by Secretary of State George C. Marshall in the two latest moves in the cold war possibly was arranged to impress upon the Soviet mind this thought: The Western Powers are determined not to back down in Berlin or anywhere else but retain to get about the job of organising their twin strength without further delay.

Soviet Planes Sighted Near Western Air Corridor

Berlin, July 6.—Warnings of Soviet fighter plane activity in the vicinity of Western air corridors leading to Berlin were given to American and British pilots tonight.

Warnings to fly above 5,000 feet and remain well within the corridor were posted in the Tempelhof air-drome briefing room.

"Several Soviet fighters came up and flew in formation with one of our planes about 3 p.m. this afternoon," the briefing officer told the United Press. "Four or five of our planes reported unusual Soviet fighter activity this afternoon in the area between Fulda and Berlin. Several said Soviet fighters came up and 'looked us over'."

UNUSUALLY BUSY

The Tempelhof briefing officer said Soviet fighter activity near the air corridors, which are the sole remaining supply routes between Berlin and Western Germany, "increased noticeably in the past couple of days".

"They seem to have been unusually busy today," he said.

It was believed increased fighter activity was the beginning of the Soviet campaign to crowd Western Allied planes off the airways over which they have been flying 300 and more planes daily in their drive to beat the Soviet-imposed "hunger blockade" of Berlin.

The Russians protested against landings of big British Sunderland flying-boats in the Havel Sea next to British-operated Gatow airport, charging that the waterways in and

around Berlin were under Soviet control. The Sunderslands are part of the giant Western Allied air fleet pressed into service to break the Russian blockade.

The protest was dispatched to the British Director of Water Transport, who declared the Havel Sea was closed to landings by Western Allied planes.

Simultaneously an authoritative source said that Soviet Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky sent a letter of protest during the weekend to General Lucius Clay, U.S. Commander, against the halt of exports to the Russian occupation zone from the Western part of Germany. The source said Gen. Clay replied that interzonal trade could not be resumed as long as the Western powers were denied the use of the Berlin-Holmstedt railway.

SIEGE EXTENDED

The Soviets today extended their siege of the German capital by curtailing the service of 15 streetcar lines inside the city serving mainly the West sector.

The Soviet-licensed ADN said that two lines will cease operations on Wednesday and 13 others will be shortened on Thursday by withdrawing their cars from the Western sectors. The ADN said the shortage of electricity made it essential. The cuts reduced the city's streetcar services about one-third.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Fight To Save Dollars

SIR Stafford Cripps' contention that without assistance from the European Recovery Programme the pound sterling might find itself in difficulties was obviously more designed to secure full opposition support for the Anglo-U.S. aid agreement than as a serious expression of sterling's position in the international currency market. The fight to maintain the resilience and prestige of the pound has been one of the notable successes of the present Labour Government. In the main this is due to the level-headed appreciation, as soon as the war finished, of the need to take all steps to protect sterling. From the very beginning a firm and determined programme was mapped out to deal with the problem—a problem aggravated by the wiping out as a result of the war of Britain's invisible surpluses. One measure was to institute a large multilateral trading group with each partner contributing whatever possible to that pool and then receiving allocations from it for absolutely necessary trading in hard currencies. In addition Britain adopted a rigid domestic programme of import restrictions and courageous export targets. Both would have achieved much more than they have and American and world prices for raw materials, foodstuffs and consumer goods not soared to such heights. As it was, the original United States loan was rapidly whittled down in purchasing value and withdrawn from the fund had to be made up, or three times the expected rate. Worse still, Britain's gold reserves, already cut by more than half in consequence of the war, have had to be constantly dug into, until today, as Sir Stafford Cripps

has unequivocally stated, the country can no longer afford to make any further demands on these reserves. The immediate future of the pound sterling, therefore, must depend on E.R.P. aid, together with further pruning of imports from hard currency areas. Essential too is to increase the nation's gold reserves, which can only be achieved to any appreciable extent by increasing exports for dollar payments. For a long time Britain's grim slogan has been "Export or Die," but unhappily Britain cannot export manufactured goods until she has imported raw materials and at such prohibitive prices that the gold dollar value of her export drive is halved. Viewing Britain's plight, Hong Kong naturally wonders if, or how, it can help the Mother Country. In a restricted sense it already does something in that it maintains its own independent exchange fund and therefore makes no demand on the Commonwealth pool. A more positive gesture, however, would have more appeal. If, for example, the Colony went in for a promotion campaign to attract American tourists and was able to remit the gold dollars brought in by the visitors to Britain's gold reserve fund. The difficulty would not be in attracting the tourists (if the campaign were efficiently run) but in making sure their gold dollars did not seep out of the Colony through the free market. Hong Kong could not make a very big contribution to Britain's gold reserve fund, without upsetting its own economic equilibrium, but if Government could devise a scheme whereby surplus gold dollars could be attracted to the colony, then some gesture, however small, could be made to let the people at home know that we are sympathetically alive to their problem.

Canadian Prairies Short Of Rain

Ottawa, July 6.—Crop conditions were "critical" because of lack of rain over large areas of the prairies which form Canada's great granary, a Bureau of Statistics' survey said today. Prospects were "generally fair to good" in Manitoba, eastern and southwestern Saskatchewan and southern Alberta, the report showed. Conditions, however, had reached a critical stage in a large area of Saskatchewan and central and northern Alberta.—Reuters.

At The End Of The Day



The last delegate gone, a convention hall workman begins the long task of sweeping up after a riotous session of the Republican national convention in Philadelphia. Posters, banners, placards and confetti covered the floor of the huge hall when the session ended after names of seven men were placed in nomination.—AP Picture.

MALAYAN TERRORISTS KILL 5 MEN

Brutal Murders In Perak

Singapore, July 6.—Terrorists slashed three Chinese to death with knives in Perak today and murdered two more in Selangor and Johore.

The nationwide wave of political unrest in Malaya—now over two months old—is still at its height in spite of intensified Army and police measures.

The bodies of the three Chinese, brutally slashed, were found today in the Bala Forest Reserve near Tronoh, in Perak. Ipoh police today said they expected the murderers would be arrested "soon".

A Malay ranger was murdered by Chinese gunmen in the same Reserve a fortnight ago, but a week later an Army communiqué issued in Ipoh, 20 miles away, claimed bandits in that area were "definitely on the run after an offensive by Gurkha troops and police."

PRESS CONTROL

Under a bill passed by the Legislative Council at Kuala Lumpur today, a newspaper publishing "incorrect" statements may be required to print free of charge Government "corrected" version.

The Government assured the Council that it had no desire to dictate to the press, but it wanted power to control publications believed not to share "our way of life and thought."

Another clause in the bill holds owners of typewriters and duplicating machines responsible if their machines are used for the publication of subversive or other unlawful material. A penalty of two years' imprisonment or a fine equivalent to £250, or both, is provided for this.

In Kuala Lumpur today, Lew Yit-fun, editor of the Communist newspaper, the Min Sheng Pao, which was suppressed last month, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for publishing seditionist articles.

Lew Yit-fun is the Selangor representative of the Malayan Communist Party.—Reuters.

Britain Sends Gold To United States

London, June 6.—Britain shipped US\$54,307,000 worth of gold to the United States during the week ended on June 16, the Census Bureau reported today.—Associated Press.

New Home For ZBW And ZEK

The Telegraph learns from a wholly reliable source that early next year ZBW and ZEK will move into two floors of Cable and Wireless's new Electra House on the Praya.

Included in the new accommodation for the two Government broadcasting stations will be a studio auditorium which will seat about 120 people.

This will enable ZBW to organise audience-participation programmes.

Two of the Electra House floors will be taken up by the broadcasting stations for studios, library, auditorium, secretarial and business offices.

Half of another floor will be utilised for technical equipment.

It is understood that plans for the new ZBW and ZEK studios are now being studied by a BBC expert so that they shall be completely up-to-date.

It is believed that between \$150,000 and \$200,000 are being spent on the new broadcasting stations and their modern technical equipment.

S'HAI RIDES OUT STORM

Shanghai, July 7.—Well battened-down Shanghai rode out its biggest storm of the year last night when a violent typhoon which threatened the city suddenly changed course at 10 p.m. and veered past towards the mouth of the Yangtze River.

Early this morning the Shanghai Observatory reported that the typhoon curved off in a westerly direction, passing 60 miles east of Shanghai.

The blow, however, took a toll of 10 boatmen drowned when their lighters capsized in the Whangpoo River, and property damage is reported at US\$40 million.

Large parts of the city were still deep under water this morning, with only street car services in operation. The British cruiser Concord, which arrived yesterday just before the typhoon signal went up, rode out the storm at the mouth of the Whangpoo.—Reuters.

PROHIBITION IN MADRAS

Madras, July 6.—The Government will shortly legislate for the imposition of collective fines on bars and where prohibition is unsuccessfully worked. This was announced today to pressmen by the Premier who regretted this "unavoidable" delay.

Effective forthwith the Government banned all alcoholic drinks at official and semi-official parties.—Associated Press.

WATSON'S- THE TOPS



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WOMANSENSE

**A baby expert
on babies**



NEARLY 40 years ago a little jolly nurse, Edith Darc, walked into Queen Charlotte's, London, the most famous maternity hospital in the world, to begin her training.

She stayed. Twenty-six years ago she became matron. Recently, she walked out for the last time, still jolly, still full of life — to retire.

This, she told me, is what 40 years of work among mothers and babies have taught her:

On painless childbirth
I see there is a lot of rubbish being talked about anaesthetics in childbirth destroying mother-love. Every mother-to-be in this hospital has analgesics.

You will never kill mother-love in the right mother. On the other hand, the unwanted baby carries with it the knowledge and the effects to the day it dies.

There is a verse in the Bible about women inhaling the leaves of some plant to deaden the pains of childbirth — so the idea was there centuries ago.

In my time I have supervised the births of nearly 200,000 babies. That's a lot of mother-love to kill with anaesthetics.

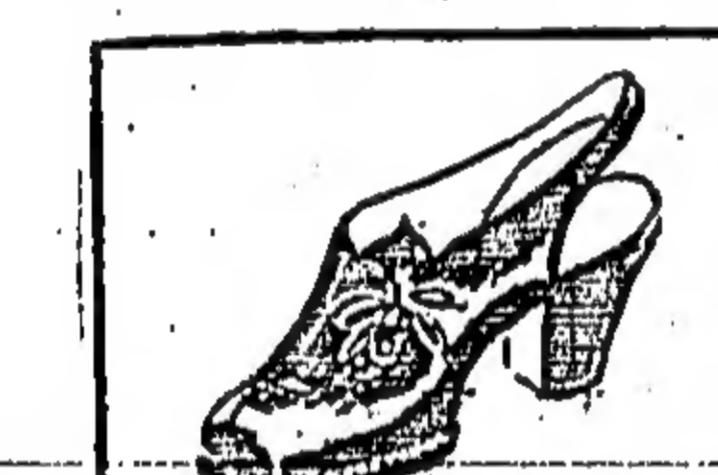
On women
Women are just as brave today as ever they were. Because they prefer pain-killers, it does not mean they are going soft — merely that they are sensible.

On babies
They have never been more beautiful. The generation growing up should be a fine one.

On fathers
They have improved beyond recognition. Today they help their wives with the babies. They were not always like that.

— ISOLENE THOMPSON

**Footnotes
On Fashion**



Three new shoe styles.

By GRACE THORNCILFEE

HERE are some footnotes on fashion, starting with a good suit or walking shoe. It is of dark red calf and has a welt sole, a sling back and a laced closing at the side, that discloses a scrap of the shiny tongue. The more straps the never looking the shoe, so this one goes all out with four straps. It is an afternoon pump of cinnamon coloured suede and the gold buckled straps wrap the instep. Made for mid-summer comfort is a black mesh pump, piped in suede, with suede flower motifs that have cutout centres.

RED RYDER



An Interruption



Attractive Culotte Costume



By ALICE ALDEN

THE CULOTTE DRESS, while not in white, The belt accents a narrow past, is appearing at some of the ed skirt. A nice topping for the very smart resort. Printed wide skirt is the brief bolero jacket. Celanese beach fabric in a white on collared, lapelled and buttoned in blue star-like print is used for this white. With the jacket the dress charming culotte-dress and matching does a double-switch from cabana bolero, designed by Grace Auer, sunning to dinner dance. A nice print straps top a bodice piped choice for the resort-bound lassie!

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Willy Toad And His House

— All He Meant to Build Was Four Walls and a Roof —

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-around names, were surprised to find their friend Willy Toad at some very odd work.

He had gathered together a large heap of stones and bits of wood, and was at this moment laying down the stones, one upon the other, to form what appeared to be a wall.

"Ah, the top of the morning to you!" Willy exclaimed in his usual cheerful manner, when he spied Knarf and Hanid. "Do you see all these bricks and all this lumber?"

They Nodded

Knarf and Hanid only saw stones and bits of wood. But they nodded.

"Ah—good, good! Do you know what they're for? Can you guess?"

The two shadows said they couldn't be sure, but it looked as though he were trying to build a wall.

"Though what you need a wall for, I don't know, Willy," Hanid said.

"A wall, my dear!" Willy said. "Yes, indeed, it's a wall. I'm building it for a very good reason. There's chipmunk who lives on this side of me. He's quite noisy, and often comes over to my toadstool, where I sit and catch my flies, and pushes me off. I'm building this wall to keep him away."

The Other Side

"Oh, but he'll just come around on the other side," said Knarf.

"Perhaps he will, and perhaps he won't," said Willy. "But I'm building a wall on the other side, too. However, this other wall isn't especially for that chipmunk."

"Why are you building it, then?" Hanid asked.

"Well," answered Willy, "a family of beetles lives on the other side. They're always running past my toadstool. They keep chasing the flies away. So I'm putting up the wall to keep them out, too. And I'm building walls on the other two sides as well."

Willy stopped building his house at once. He sighed. "Oh, well, I suppose I'm not being very kind to my neighbours. If they want to run about and make noise and chase my flies away, I guess I can overlook it. Maybe I do just as many things that they don't like. I'll just leave things as they are. Help me get rid of these bricks and this lumber, please!"

**Party Table
Decoration**

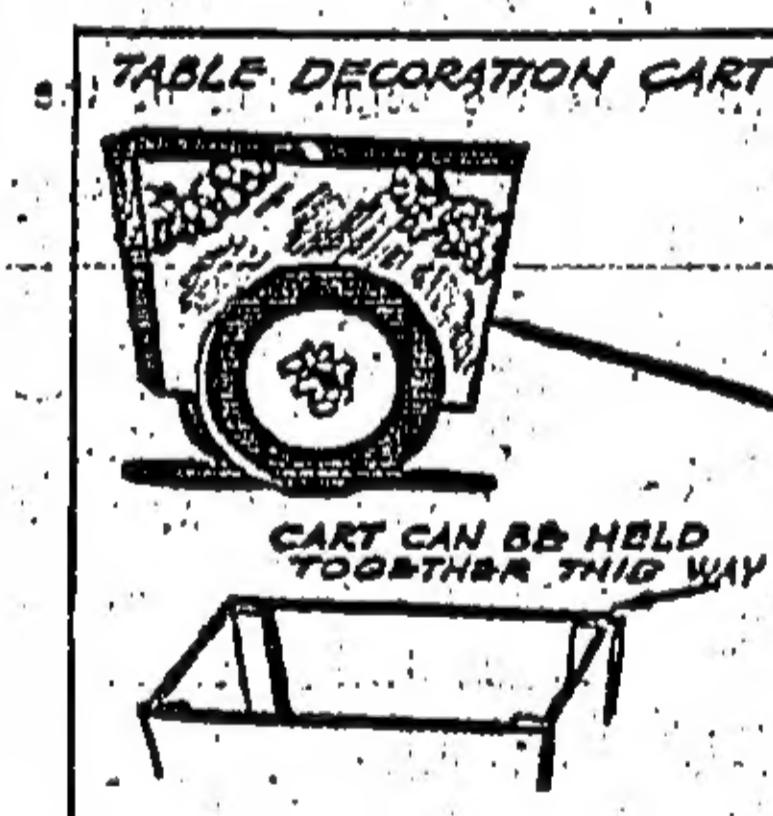
By E. ANN BRUSH

THIS colourful little cart is made of a cereal box and may be filled with popcorn, lollipops or other party favours.

Placed in the centre of the table, with a "dishful" of say lollipops, at either side, it goes places as a party table decoration.

If lollipops are used, you could have two or three lollipops with ribbons in each cart.

The little wagon is made of medium-weight cardboard — the kind that holds your favourite cereal. The

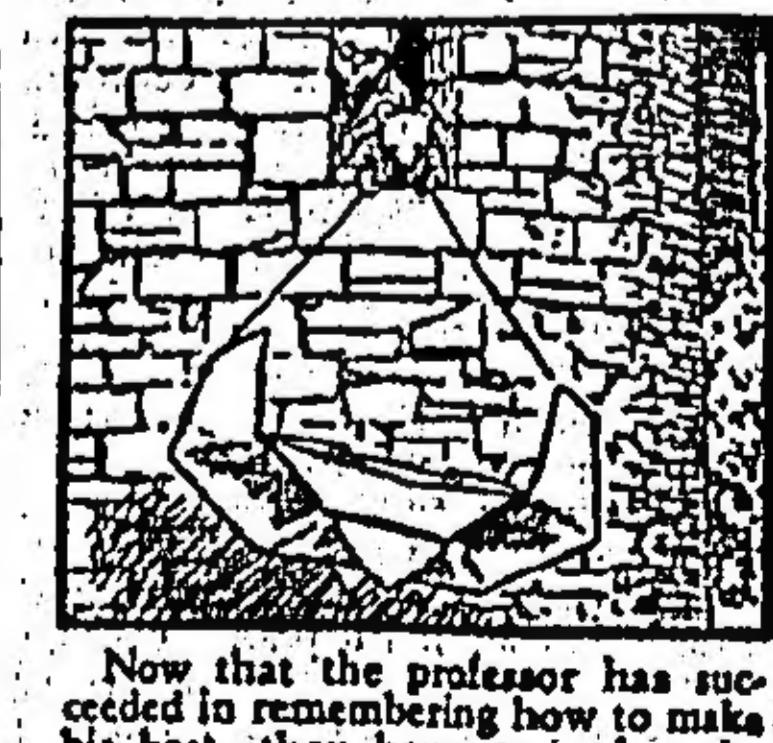


two main pieces measure four inches across the top, tapering to three and seven-eighths inches. The side pieces measure two and three-eighths inches across, tapering to one and three-fourths inches after they have been glued or pasted together.

That means that you allow a quarter of an inch for bending and folding. A meat skewer is stuck through the sides and the wheels (two and one-half inches in circumference) are placed on this. We pasted an extra, smaller wheel of pale green to the outer wheel, which is of gold cardboard. A skewer is also used for the handle.

Our cart is pink for the basic colour, gold and green wheels and flower-trimmed cut from an old birthday card.

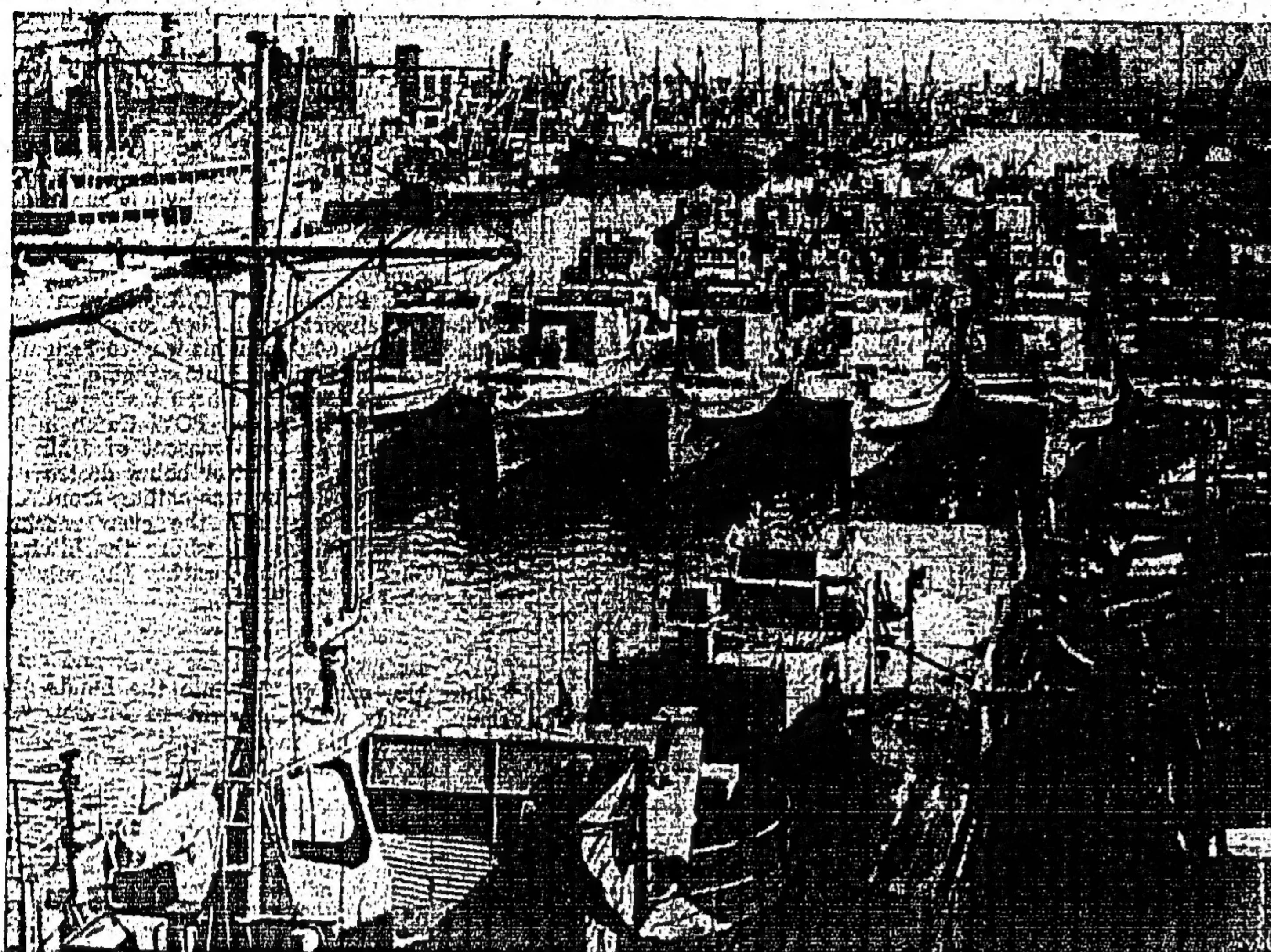
**Rupert's Island
Adventure - 31**



Now that the professor has succeeded in remaking his boat to make his boat, they have to solve the problem of getting it on to the water and of putting Rupert into it. "It won't go through the barrier," says the old man. Hunting around, he finds some strong string, ties it to each of the "talls" and pushes the precious boat out of the window. Then Rupert holds the string firmly and lets it down until it floats on the lake. "So far, so good," mutters the professor as he takes over the string.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



HOST FLEET—Last remaining units of the German Navy await final disposition at Bremerhaven. This portion of the fleet belongs to the U.S. under the terms of a treaty signed at the termination of World War II. R-boats are nested in right centre; miscellaneous tugs and minesweepers in left background. The sailing vessel, portion of which is seen at left, is the Albert Leo Schlageter, a former German cadet training ship.



GYPSY—Rita Hayworth returns to her titian tresses for her new movie role of Carmen. She switched to blonde a few months before.



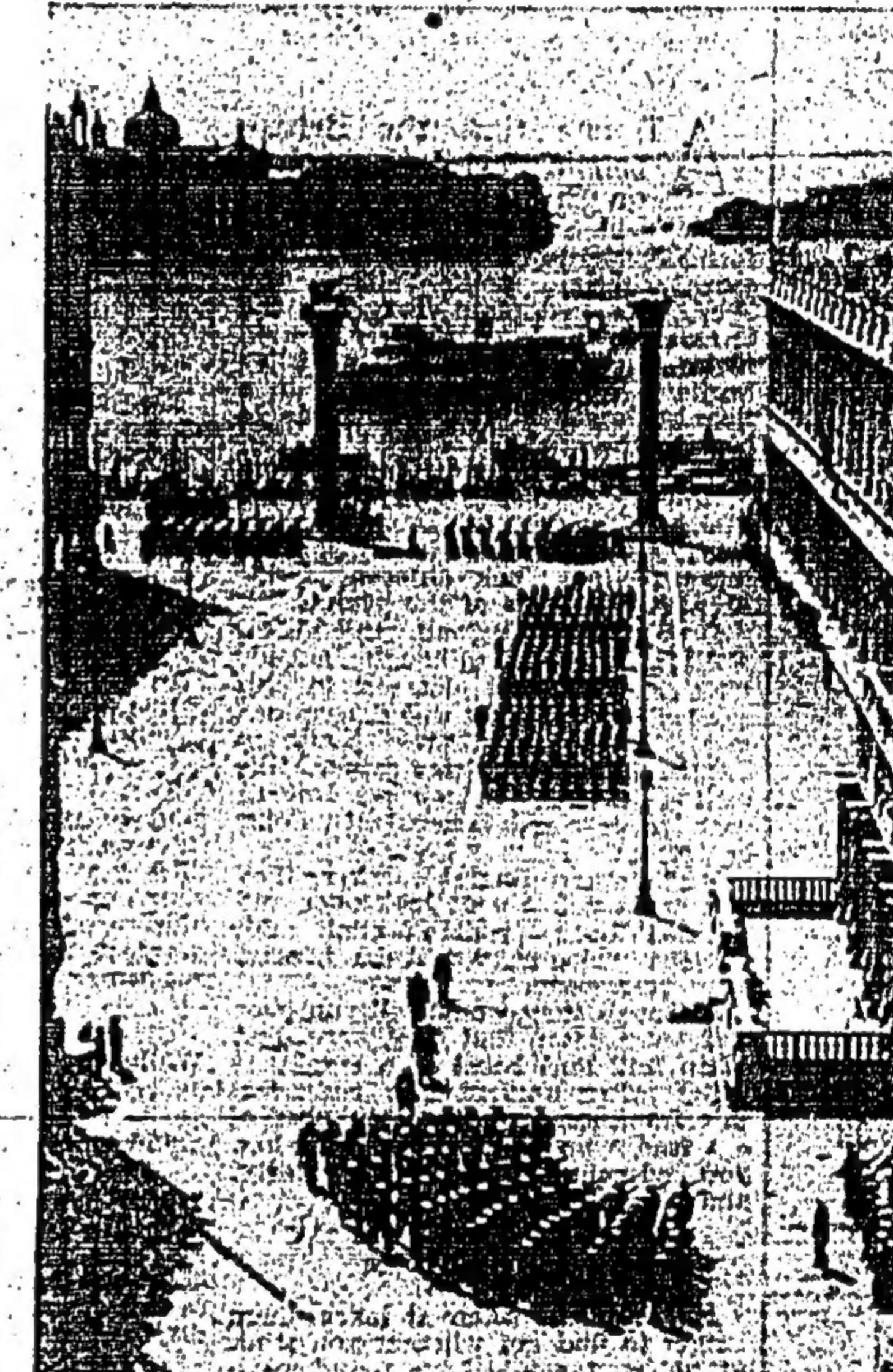
THEY'RE OFF—Here's the startling line-up in the fourth annual Baby Walker Contest, held in stunt-happy Atlantic City. Toddling down the 40-foot course in two minutes and 35 seconds flat, 17-month-old Bobby Schilling beat off all comers for "fastest toddler" trophy.



LAND HO!—Betty Felton of Philadelphia pulls a Columbus-in-reverse as she sights Britain from the rail of the liner Washington. With her, left to right, are Martha Kirk, of Rochester, New York; Marion Faust, of Bath, New York, and Ellen Bernstein, also of Philadelphia. They are all students at Beaver College, Pennsylvania.



SUBDUED—Accused of being the most brutal guard at a Japanese prison camp, Tomoya "Meatball" Kawakita (right), American-born Japanese, is led into a Los Angeles courtroom. The now humble Kawakita is to be tried for treason. He was studying in Japan when war broke out.

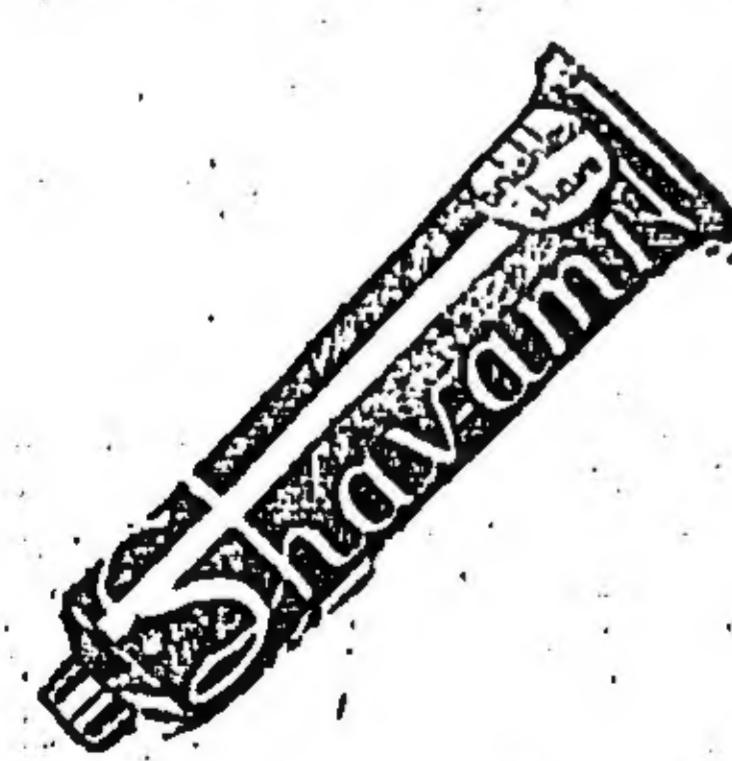


MARCHING ALONG TOGETHER—Italian sailors from a naval base near Venice swing out of St Mark's into a street leading to the Grand Canal. The parade marked the second anniversary of the founding of the Italian Republic. Thousands of Venetians and tourists gathered to view the fanfare.



LENGTHY LEAP—Easy does it as Watch, a daredevil dog specially trained to jump Stand Rock, makes one of his many performances for camera fans in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

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THE CHANGING SCENE—Four years make the difference in these two pictures of Dwight D. Eisenhower, both taken by Acme staff photographer Bert Brandt. That's Citizen Ike at left as he took over the Columbia University presidency last month, and at right, as a general on the invasion shores of Europe. "There's quite a difference," he told Brandt.



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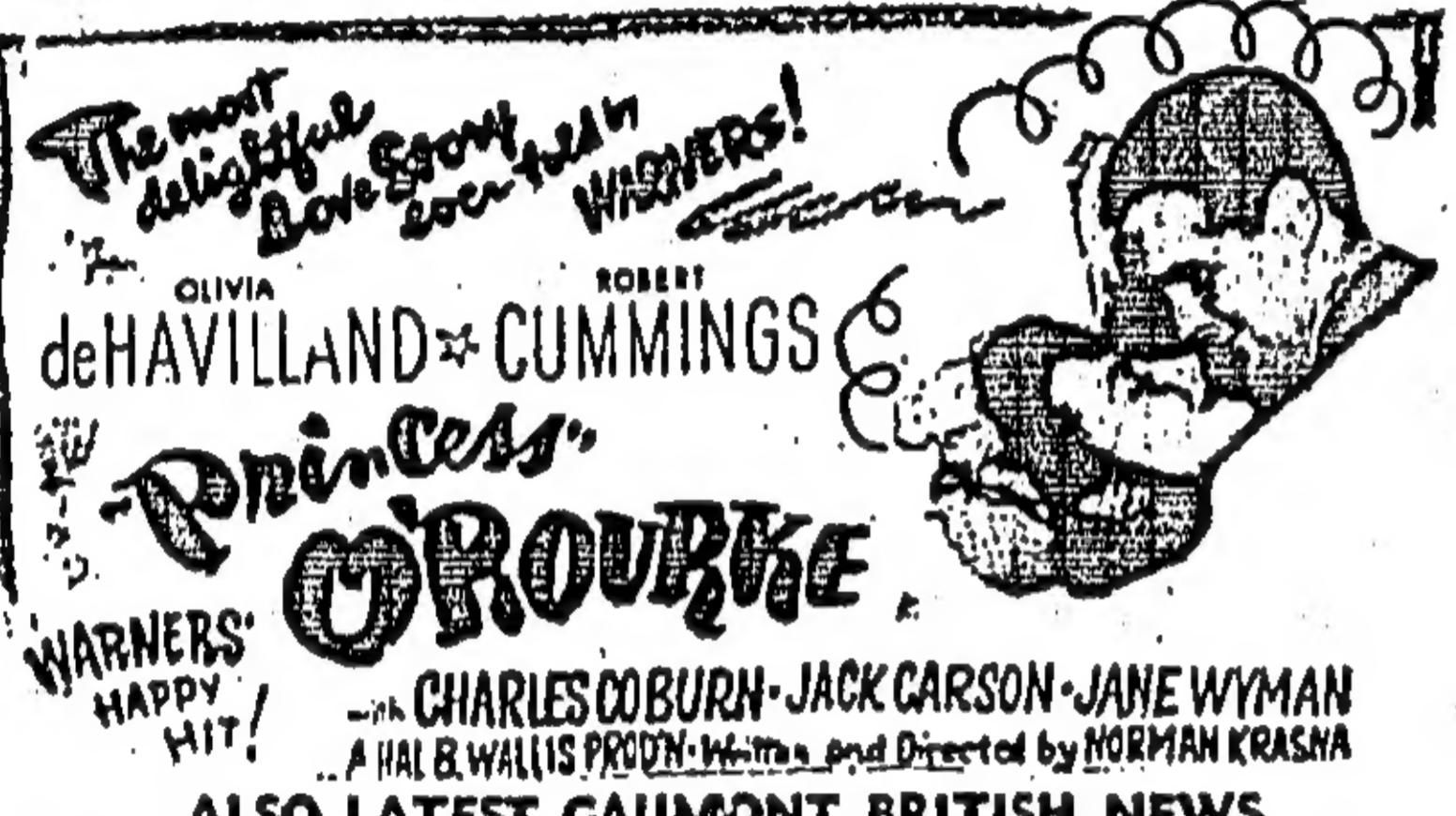
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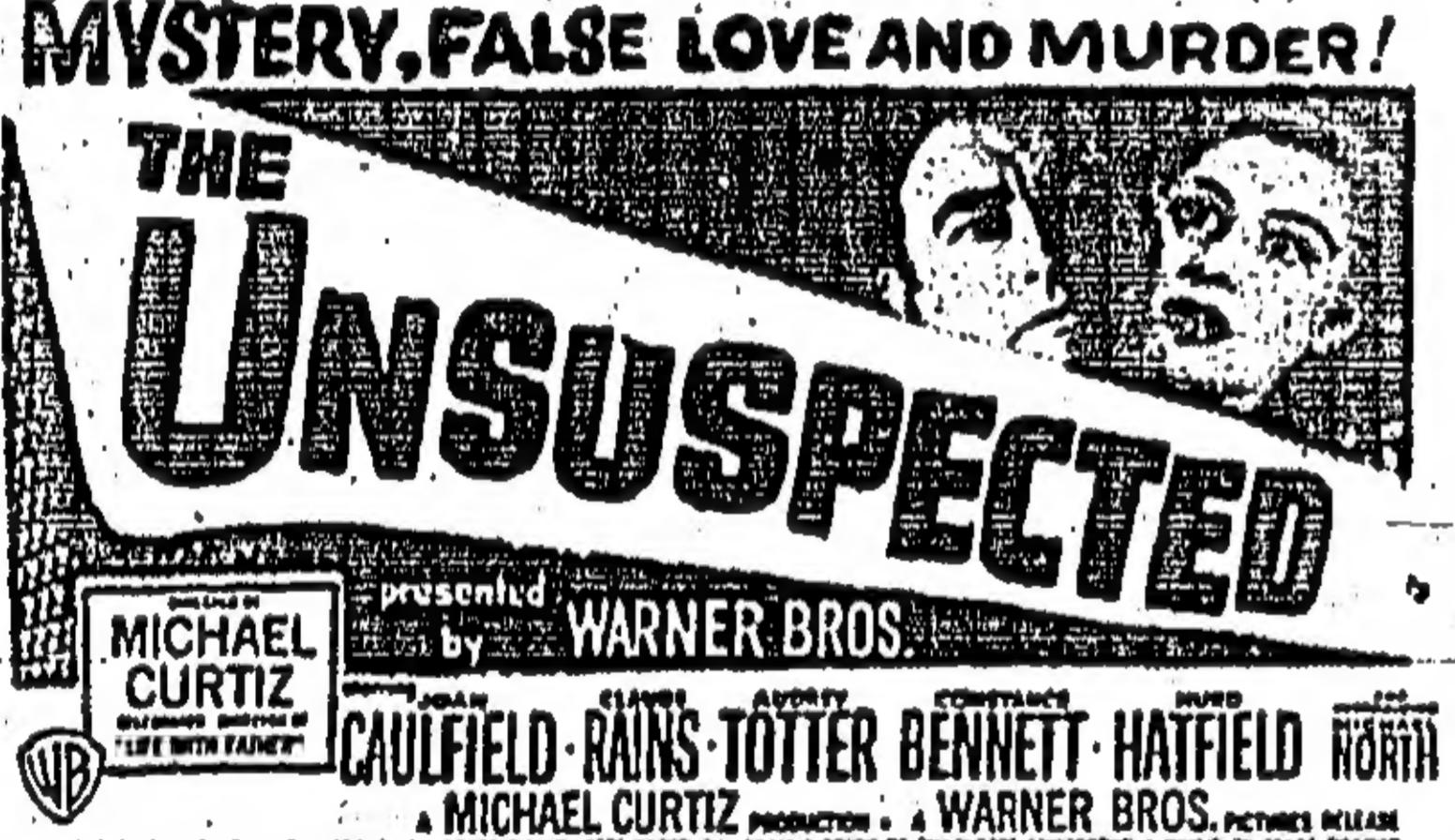
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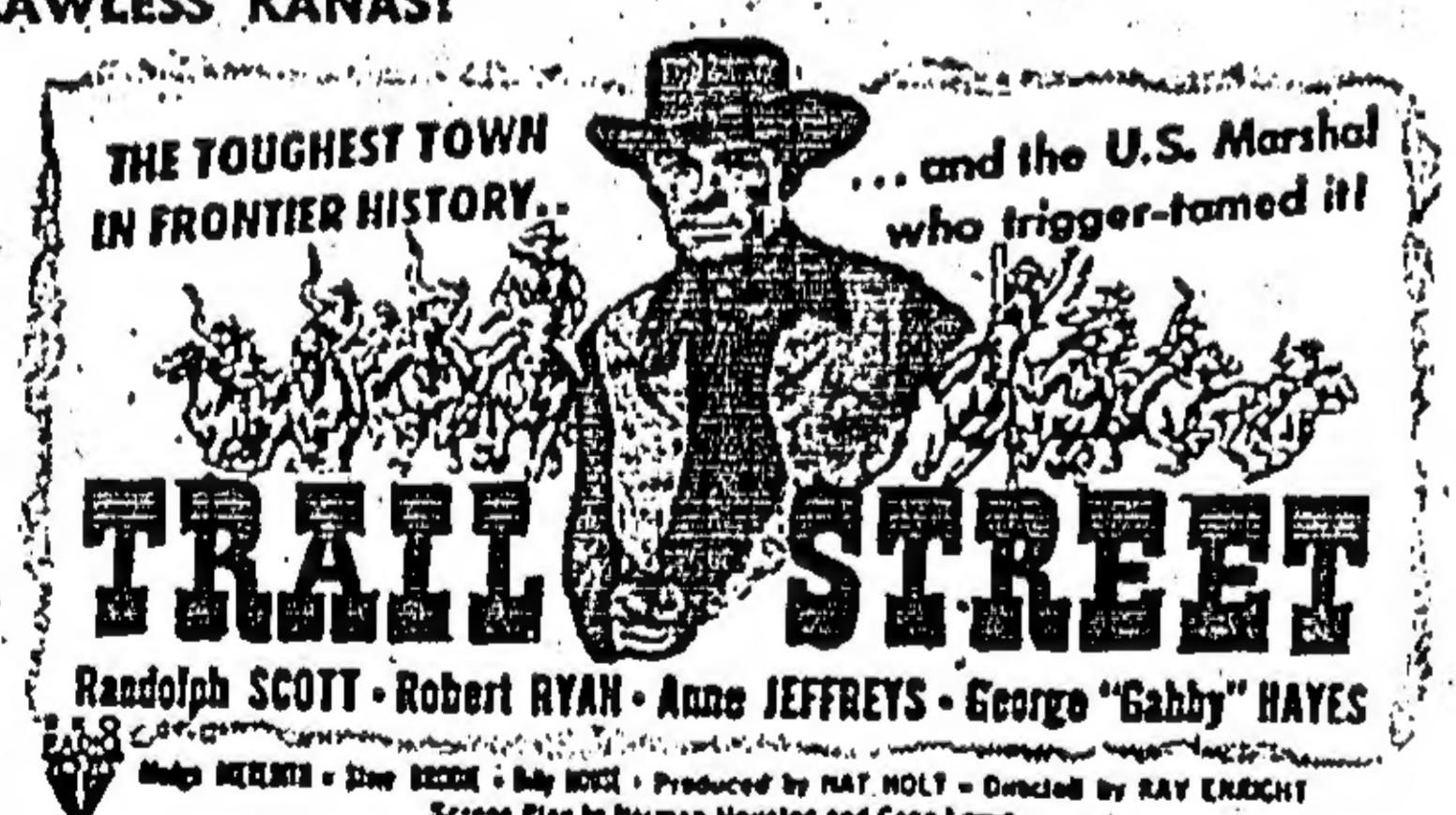


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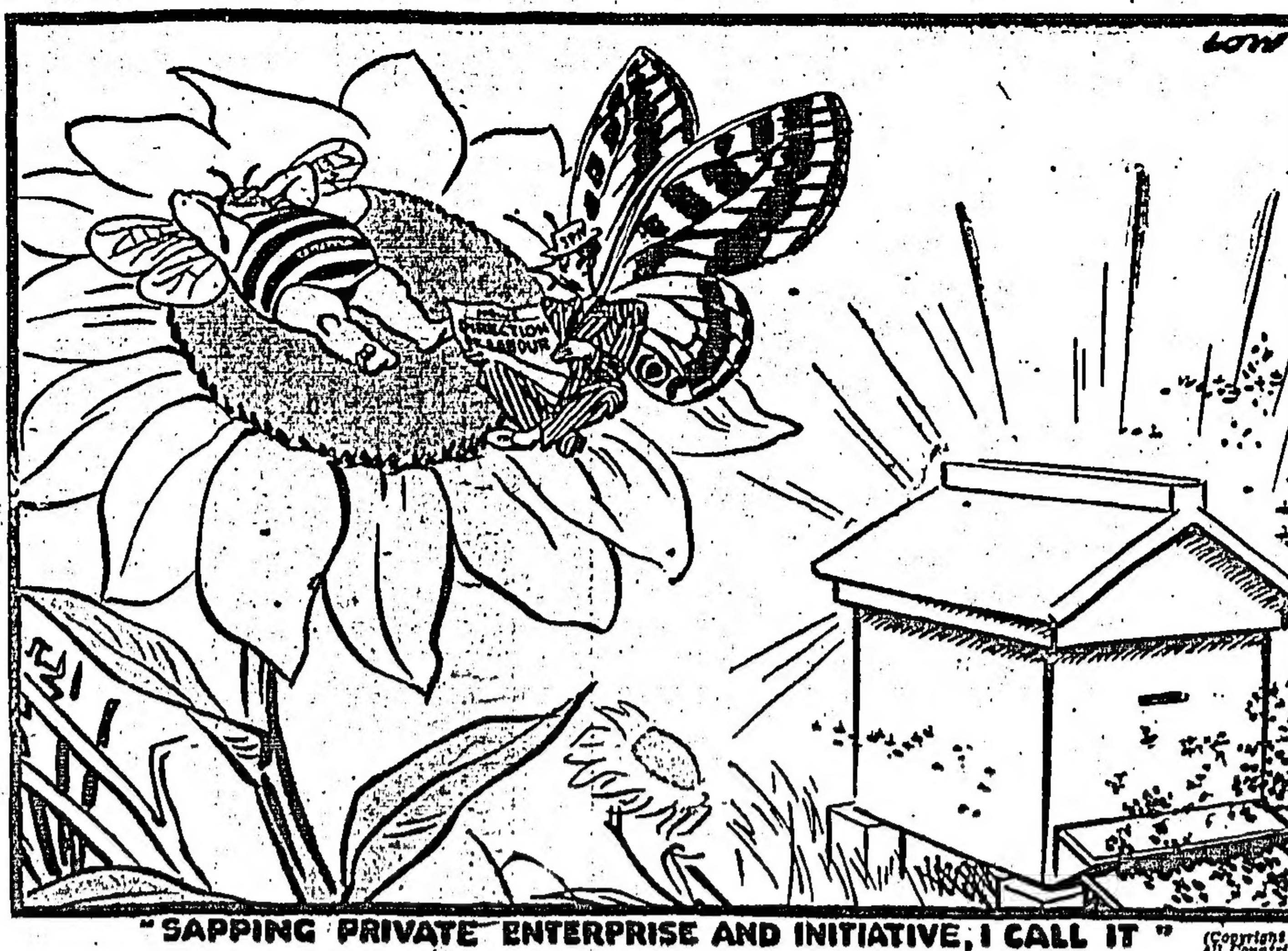
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NEXT CHANGE: "THE LOCKET"



Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

Continuing the remarks offered here to foreign visitors on what to expect in Britain.

At one time the British people prided themselves on their manners.

They were glad they were not formally polite like the Germans, extravagantly polite like the French, or just plain crazy like the Spaniards, whose courtesy is reputed to be so embarrassing that a visitor hesitates to admire anything in a Spanish house in case it is given to him on the spot.

British good manners sprang from a natural gentleness and a genuine desire to be helpful in a practical way, although the expression of these feelings took different forms in different parts of the islands.

In Southern England the visitor would feel that, although nobody took the slightest interest in his existence, everybody was determined to put up a good show. Southern English hospitality was rather like having a tea party on an iceberg with polite and benevolent Polar bears.

In Northern England, after they had given you a good look over and decided that you didn't stink after all, the welcome would be hearty, even boisterous.

Although they would tell you over and over again that they were just plain folk and boast of a frankness which often amounted to rudeness, this frankness was the frankness of a friend who would be sorry when you had gone, write to you regularly, and send you Christmas cards.

In Scotland, where it takes them longer to find out whether you stink or not, you would have found more genuine friendship than anywhere else in Britain, providing you deserved it and were prepared to wait for it, say, 10 or 20 years.

They would tell you they were mean and overwhelm you with hostility; tell you they had no sense of humour and immediately prove that they had.

But their kindness to the stranger was always tinged with pity and an air of vague disapproval. They were sorry for you that you were not Scottish, and appeared to believe that, because of this handicap, there must be something wrong with you, even if it was not apparent.

In Wales and Ireland they showed you the same hospitality, the same kindness, the same genuine desire to make the stranger feel at home with this difference: they showed it with charm. They are the only people in these islands capable of turning on charm at will, or of giving you the impression that you have made an impression, however dull and stupid you may be.

Since 1939 British manners have changed a lot. None of the above remarks may now apply.

As nations can always be compared to individuals we are as proud, irritable, and sensitive as the rich man who has come down in the world.

One small class has remained the same as if nothing has happened. You will meet them mostly in the lounges of country hotels.

They are usually elderly women who read private correspondence to each other at the top of their voices and yell at each other across the lounge like mountaineers yelling at each other from opposite peaks. Like this:

"DID YOU READ ANGELA'S LETTER?"
"NO."
"SHE'S VERY HAPPY AT BOURNEMOUTH."

"GOOD."
"LOVELY FOOD. MEAT TWICE A DAY."
"GOOD."
"AND HER FEET MUCH BETTER."
"OH, GOOD."

Appearance

THE average English face is long and narrow like a fiddle. The English fiddle face is supposed to have appeared soon after the millers took all the nourishment out of our bread to make it white, with the result that English jaws, chewing on pop instead of real food, became narrower and narrower through lack of exercise.

FOR the Negro vote, President Truman, the self-announced champion of the Negroes, made an impromptu speech in California that upset all Negroes. For he spoke in the style of a Negro-baiting Southerner. Apropos of the coming election fight, he said: "Back in dido should be hamstrung."

JUDY, THE ONLY POW DOG

By Sydney Redwood

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Judy, much-travelled and much-publicised pedigree pointer bitch, one time mascot of Royal Navy gunboats, twice torpedoed in Far Eastern waters, and who had some remarkable adventures when she was the only dog registered as a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, experienced her first taste of air travel recently.

She left Britain by B.O.A.C. aircraft from Blackbushe airport with her owner, ex-LAC Frank Williams, who is on his way to Tanganyika to work on the Ground Nuts scheme. Frank and Judy have been inseparable since they teamed up in Medan POW Camp in 1942. She had previously been mascot of HMS Gnat and Grasshopper, the latter being destroyed by enemy action while she was sailing from Singapore to Java. Judy and the crew reached a small, uninhabited island, where the bitch first distinguished herself by locating the only fresh water spring on the island.

THEY escaped in a Chinese junk and reached Sumatra, only to fall into the hands of the enemy. They were brought to Medan, where Frank shared his meagre ration of rice with Judy, and thus made a friend for life.

Many prisoners in the camp owed their life to Judy, who had an uncanny instinct for scenting danger and giving the alarm when poisonous snakes, scorpions and alligators came nosing around, and she also had an inspiring effect on their morale. "If the old bitch can hang on for release, then I can make it too," they used to say when conditions became even worse than usual.

But Judy also owed her life to Frank. It was he who had her registered as an official POW one day the Camp Commandant was drunk, and talked the guards out of killing her on various occasions. When the prisoners were transferred from Sumatra to Singapore, Frank was ordered to leave her behind, but he smuggled her through the guards in a sack strapped to his back, the big dog remaining perfectly still, without so much as a whimper, for hours.

Customs

AS a foreign visitor you may be startled any day in almost any part of England to come across a group of half-dressed angular British females dancing in a garden to music thumped out on a piano.

They will have fixed smiles on their faces, flowers or wreaths in their hair, and their naked limbs will be all goose pimples on account of the cold.

At first you may think that, because of our clothing shortage, they are dancing to keep themselves warm. Or you might think they are just silly like the rest of the population.

As a matter of fact they will be ye old folk lore folk, keeping up ye old traditions in ye old countryside, come hall and snow and helle and bloudy high water.

Or you might walk into a village and see what you believe to be a sex maniac at large.

He will look very much like a sex maniac. That is to say he will be a mild-looking, middle-aged man wearing a big moustache and a bowler hat.

You will see him kissing every woman in his path and even climbing up ladders to force his hairy embrace on screaming girls leaning out of windows.

Don't be alarmed. He's no sex maniac. He's the Tutti man taking his toll of local beauty according to some custom or other.

ON arrival in Britain, after the regulation stay at Hackbridge Quarantine Kennels, Judy enjoyed her deserved share of the limelight. She became the only dog member of the Returned British Prisoners of War Association, was awarded the Dickin Medal (popularly known as the "Animals' VC"), and even barked her joy in a BBC Victory Day Programme. Frank himself received the White Cross of St. Giles in recognition of his bravery in bringing Judy safely through her ordeals.

C.V.R. THOMPSON reports the U.S. scene

NEW YORK. FOR all his pains, President Truman does not look like getting New York's Jewish vote after all.

The Hechists, the New York Post columnist, Walter Winchell, and all the other New York terrorists by remote control, are again out for his blood.

The trouble is, they say in effect, that by leaving the Palestine situation for UNO to settle he is knocking under to Britain.

Said the New York Post: "Mr. President we once fought a war to win our independence from Britain. Shall it be said by future historians that Harry S. Truman succeeded in reforming the U.S. as a British Crown Colony?"

As chairman of its Resolutions Committee he is not worrying about whom they pick to run for President. His task is to pick the policy that will have to follow.

He is quietly forming that policy before the Isolationists have a chance to bite at it.

The result, as far as foreign policy is concerned, will be so International that an Isolationist can election fight, he said: "Back in dido should be hamstrung."

One reason Senator Lodge differs so diametrically from his grandfather: He served as a major with the Eighth Army in Libya.

LIFE IN LONDON, according to a New York columnist, "Walters in the (luxurious West End) hotel would rather have chewing gum than pipes."

TEXAS, a State delighting in superlatives, has long envied New York its Empire State Building, the world's highest (1,248 ft.). Now Houston, in Texas, has announced plans to acquire a new group of superlatives. At a cost of £6,000,000 the city will erect a building 1,366 ft. high, with 140 storeys. It will house the world's largest department store, theatre, and hotel.

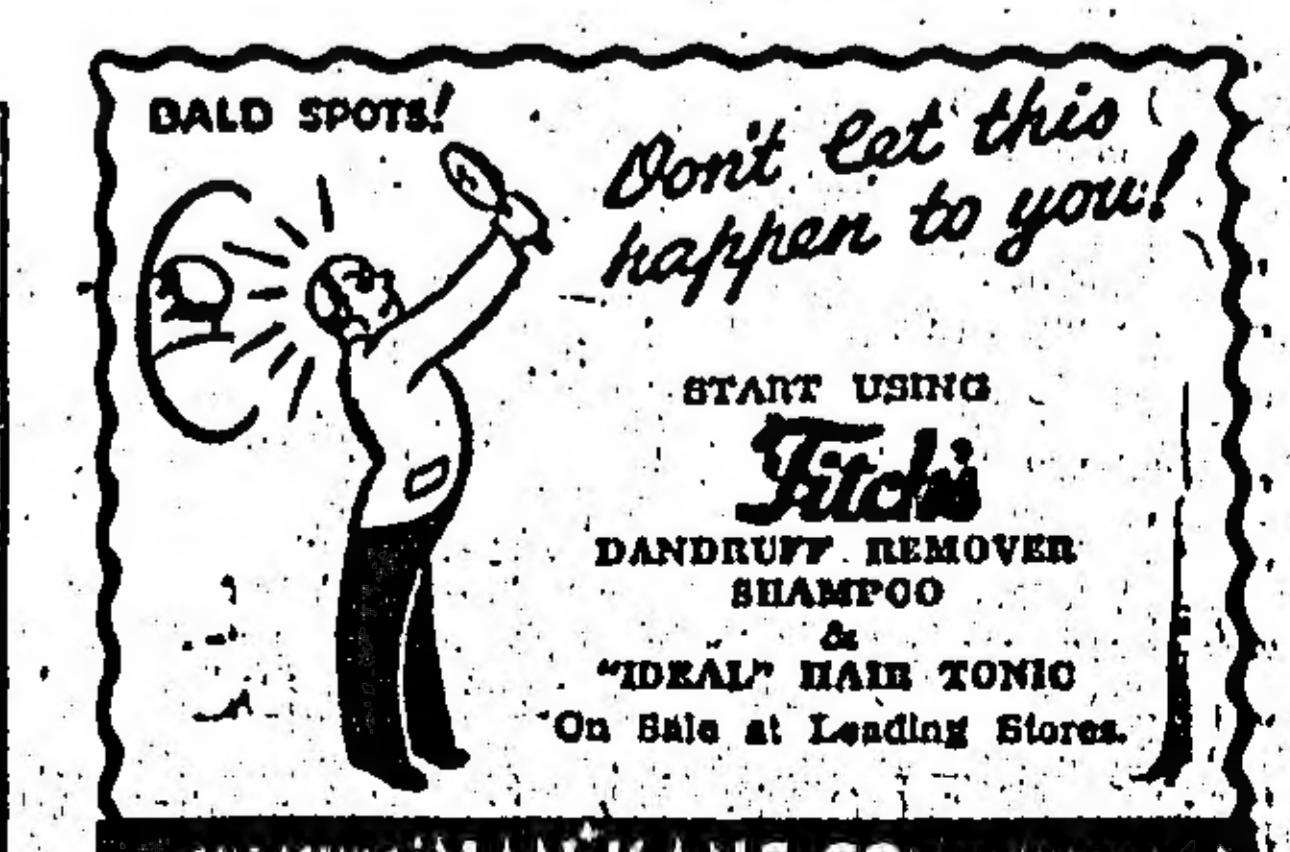
WITH CONGRESS about to approve peacetime conscription, New York papers proclaimed that, for America's youth there is an olive drab (official name for American Khaki) outlook.

NANCY

Look Who's Talking



By Ernie Bushmiller



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Heavy Sentences For Heroin And Opium Offender

An unemployed man was given heavy sentences by Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court today for offences committed under the Dangerous Drug Ordinance.

SIX MONTHS FOR FALSE PRETENCES

For attempting to obtain 38 pounds of copper wire and 18 files by false pretences, Lui Nuen, 24, cooie, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning.

Det. Sub-Inst. P. Lowe said at about 3 p.m. on Monday, defendant went to the Wing Lee Shop at No. 154 Wellington Street, ground floor, and presented a bill for the goods purporting to be from the Chung O Manufacturing Company at 295 To Kwa Wan Road, Hung Hom. The manager of the Wing Lee shop rang the Chung O Company to confirm the order and discovered it was not genuine. Defendant was then detained.

Enquiries revealed that defendant obtained the bill from Liu Wai-chol, a former employee of the Chung O Company, who was dismissed by the firm on the same day. The goods, valued at \$250, were not surrendered to defendant.

Cautioned For Misjudgment

Edmund Temple McMullen, of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Limited, Union Building, was cautioned by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning for driving without due care and attention in Island Road near Stanley Village Road on April 25.

Sub-Inst. A. Mudd of the Special Branch said at 5.30 p.m. on April 25, he was driving a car down Island Road towards Stanley Village Road. When turning a right hand bend, he saw a public vehicle 4421 coming towards him and was overtaken by defendant. Defendant's car and the taxi stopped abreast on the road, and his car was facing defendant's car about 20 feet away. If both vehicles had been in high speed, it would have meant a serious accident.

Defendant said he had no intention of overtaking the taxi on the bend. He had been driving for the last 15 years and had never been involved in any traffic offences.

As there was no evidence that defendant was driving in a dangerous manner and at the most it was misjudgment on his part, Mr d'Almada registered a caution against him.

WAR DAMAGE CLAIMS

Bangkok, July 7.—Claims for compensation for damage done by Japanese troops to Chinese property in Siam during the war will soon be filed with the Chinese Central Government according to Chen Yu-fu, First Secretary of the Chinese Embassy in Bangkok, in charge of Overseas Chinese affairs.

Negotiations for settlement of the claims will begin in Nanking as soon as all evidence has been collected by the Chinese Embassy in Bangkok. Nanking will then forward the claim to the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers in Japan.

Claims for return of property occupied by Japanese troops during the war and subsequently assigned to the Allies under enemy property regulations will also be adjusted.

Chen would give no estimate of the total value of the Chinese war claims but said that they would be "very small." Other estimates are that they would amount to only about US\$50,000.—United Press.

Price Control Campaign

Shanghai, July 7.—Five-thousand police and garrison agents will swing into action today as the all-out price control campaign opens.

This step is considered by observers to be the most businesslike ever taken by the authorities and was decided on at a series of conferences between the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Headquarters and the City Government under personal instructions of President Chiang Kai-shek.

The purpose of the action is to uncover hoarding by unscrupulous merchants.

Meanwhile, the City Government has raised the ceiling price for rice from CN\$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 per picul. The increase in the ceiling quotation was the result of persistent requests from rice merchants who claimed they could not do any business with the old ceiling price in force because prices in rice-producing districts were 20 per cent higher than the price limit here.

Reuter

Nebraska Town Swept By Tornado



A tornado which swept across southeastern Nebraska and Iowa left this wreckage of what had been a house and other buildings on the Henry Gadeken farm near Talmage, Nebraska. AP Picture.

Anti-Red Rally By Czechs

Youths Carry U.S. Flags

Prague, July 6.—In the first major public protest against the Communist regime in this country, Czech youths today displayed United States flags and shouted praise of the former President Benes and the late Foreign Minister Masaryk. Demonstrations occurred during a five-hour parade in Prague.

The police appeared to be powerless to halt the demonstrations. But eyewitnesses said that at least three young men were arrested after they shouted anti-Communist slogans. The slogans they shouted included: "Long live those whom we like. They cannot dictate whom we must love. We wish health to President Benes. Let him return to Hradcany (Presidential Palace)."

CROWDS CHEER

Crowds on the sidewalk joined the cheering and took up the slogans. It was the first organised protest against the present regime. Leaders of the demonstrations defied unpublished warnings of the Communist-controlled police to carry out the parade. The police were instructed last week to identify parading units which shouted for Benes.

Observers said that shortly after the parade started through downtown Wenceslas Square at 8 a.m. two other groups followed.

One group of girls from the Moravian village of Hana shouted: "The hearts of girls from Hana belong to our sister from Hana (Mrs Eduard Benes, wife of the former President)".

Some demonstrators carried American flags as much as four feet long.—United Press.

MORE STOLEN GOLD FOUND

Bangkok, July 6.—Police announced today the recovery of about US\$500,000 worth of gold from an air shipment stolen here on May 12.

The gold, in eight cases, was found in an ice factory in Prachinburi in Southern Siam and returned to Bangkok.

Police said the owner of the factory was the niece of a Bangkok woman at whose ice factory 20 cases of the stolen gold was recovered on May 29.

The gold shipment, totalling 38 cases, was stolen while it was being taken to the airport for shipment to Hongkong.

Police are planning to claim the 10 percent reward offered by insurance companies.—Associated Press.

Holland Goes To The Polls Today

The Hague, July 6.—Holland is having a general election tomorrow and on Thursday, but if a poll taken by the Netherlands Statistical Foundation is any criterion, only 2,000,000 of the 5,000,000 voters know what it is about.

The actual purpose is two-fold—to choose a new Lower House and to approve amendments to the Constitution giving a new status to Indonesia.

The latter is the principal issue in one of the dullest campaigns in living history, and all parties are divided upon it. Seven of the 12 contesting parties fought the last general election in 1946. One, known as the Independent National Group, was formed only at the end of May and is now campaigning for support on the future of Indonesia.

REST OF PARTIES

The other important parties are: the Anti-Revolutionary Party (Calvinists); the Christian Historical Union (Protestant); the Catholic People's Party; the Labour Party; the Communist Party; the Political Reform Party (extreme Calvinists); and the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (a merger of dissenting Liberals and dissenting Labour members).

At the last election, the distribution of seats was: Anti-Revolutionary—13; Freedom Party—six; Christian Historical Union—eight; Catholic People's Party—32; Labour Party—29; Communists—10; Political Reform—2.

Any change of Indonesian policy may be eased by the fact that Dr J.A. Jonkman, the Minister for Overseas Territories, has intimated his intention of resigning.—Reuter.

GOODWILL TOUR

Bangkok, July 6.—According to local reports, two Chinese warships—the Chungking (1,000 tons) and the Linfu (1,200 tons)—may call at Bangkok on a goodwill tour of the world.

The warships have just left the Suez Canal and will call at Batavia and Singapore before returning to Shanghai.

Confirmation that the ships will visit Bangkok is now being sought by Chinese Embassy officials.—United Press.

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Reuter

Mountbatten Without A Job

London, July 6.—Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, who retired on June 21 as governor General of India, said tonight that he is out of a job and has no immediate prospects.

The one-time Supreme Allied Commander for Southeast Asia implored however, that he still hopes for an active command in the Royal Navy which sent him to India last year to serve as the last British Viceroy, and later as first Governor-General of the new Indian Dominion.

"I went to see them at the Admiralty but they had no job for me. They told me to report back later in the year," he said.

He indicated he expects to do so adding: "I am a sailor."—Associated Press.

S'HAI POLICE ALERTED

Shanghai, July 7.—The Shanghai Police have been alerted against possible movements by local students to show their sympathy with colleagues killed in a clash on Monday in Peiping, according to Chinese reports today.

A minor agitation observed among the various colleges yesterday was possibly due to the typhoon and to the fact that final examinations are now in progress.

Meanwhile, it is reported that 58 students, including 16 co-eds, were dismissed from the Great China University on Monday on charges of instigating college nationalisation.

Their activities are said to have violated college regulations and hindered the academic pursuit of fellow students.—Reuter.

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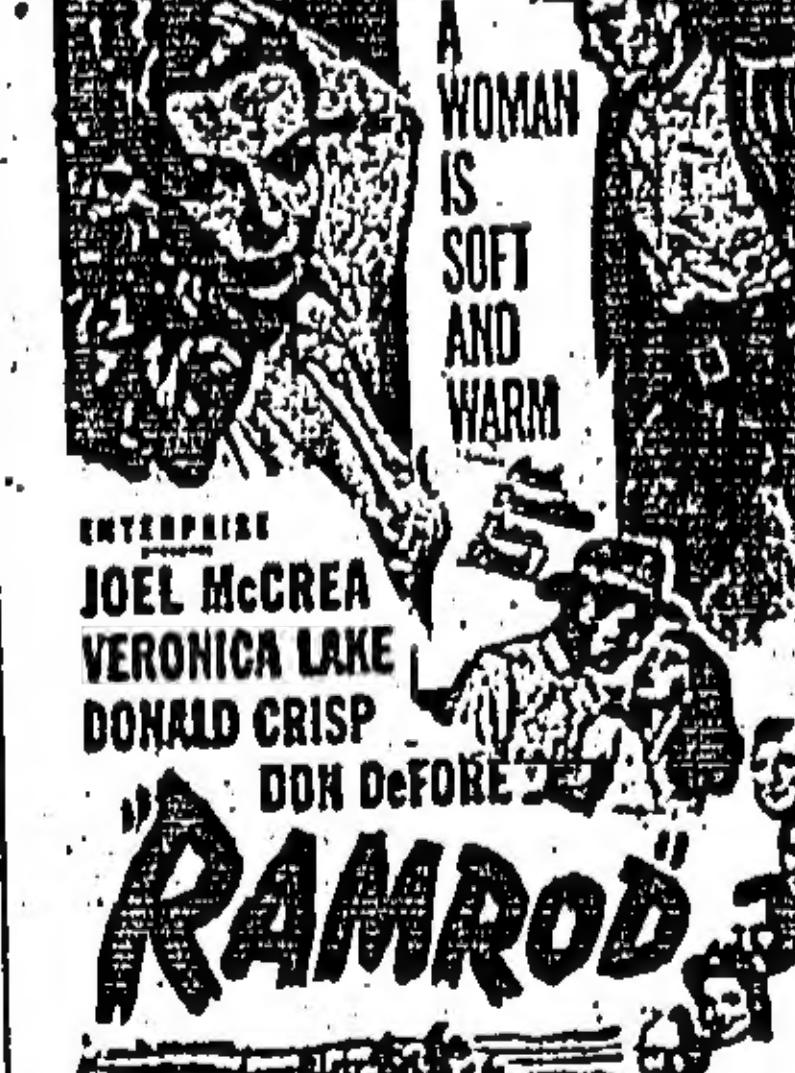
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In the Morning Post Building.

ORDERS BOOKED.

YESTERDAY'S CRICKET

Crapp's Century Against Australians Features the Day's Play

London, July 6.—The return to batting form of Bill Edrich, who scored 197 in the match against Derbyshire, and Jack Crapp's century against the Australians must have been the most pleasing features of the matches just finished, from the England selector's point of view.

Edrich, retained as a Test probable in the face of strong criticism, drove with power and confidence in both innings (he scored 133 and 64) and not even such accomplished bowlers as Pope, Gladwin and Jackson, all operating four-man leg traps, could subdue his dynamic hitting.

Crapp, who just beat the Australians to it by completing his century off the last ball but one of Gloucester's first innings, is only the third English batsman to take a century off the present tourists this season. Joe Hardstaff and Denis Compton are the others.

Crapp, scored with crisp cuts and flinging drives, and given his chance, he may well prove to be the left-hander England has lacked since the days of Frank Woolley, Eddie Paynter and Maurice Leyland.

Dick Pollard, included in England's 12 for Old Trafford, his home ground, took four for 69 against Glamorgan, the present county championship leaders. He also had six fours in his first innings of 27, which indicates an adventurous spirit which has been lacking in English batting displays against Australia.

Yorkshire's fast bowler, Alec Coxon, discarded by the Test

selectors, gave his answer with one of the best performances of his career against Surrey. Making every use of the new ball on a wicket affected by rain, Coxon had figures of 11 overs, three maidens, 17 runs and six wickets.

Jack Wardle claimed the lime-light with his spinners in Surrey's second innings, taking six for 41, and was rewarded by being chosen as 12th man for England on Thursday.

This indicates that he is on the fringe of full Test recognition. Tied on the West Indies tour, Wardle had little luck, but this season is right in the forefront, having taken 21 wickets at just over 15 runs each.

Denis Compton batted with complete assurance against the accurate fast-medium Derby attack to score a not out century—his fourth of the season—and helped Middlesex to victory.

Glamorgan remained at the top of the championship table. Although no result was achieved in their match with Lancashire, there was a close finish with the Welsh county taking four points. They had half an hour to get three remaining wickets with Lancashire themselves needing only 53 to win. The end came with Lancashire 24 behind with two wickets left.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

	L	W	L	D	Pts		
Glamorgan (9)	13	8	2	3	210		
Middlesex (7)	13	7	1	0	88		
Derby (6)	13	6	3	1	84		
Yorkshire (8)	11	6	2	0	80		
Gloucester (2)	13	5	3	0	72		
Warwick (15)	14	5	4	5	72		
Surrey (6)	10	5	3	2	64		
Lancashire (3)	14	3	2	1	64		
Nottinghamshire (10)	12	5	2	4	64		
Essex (11)	11	2	5	4	44		
Worcester (7)	14	2	5	0	44		
Kent (4)	12	3	3	0	40		
Somerset (13)	11	2	6	3	38		
Notts (12)	12	2	4	0	32		
Sussex (10)	12	2	5	0	32		
Leicester (14)	13	1	5	7	0	1	16
Notthants (17)							

* Match tied. Figures in brackets after counties indicate final standing last season.

AUSTRALIANS WIN BY AN INNINGS AND 363 RUNS

Bristol, July 6.—The Australian cricket tourists beat Gloucestershire by an innings and 363 runs here today. Gloucestershire were all out for 132 and had scored 279 in their first innings. The Australians made 774 runs for seven wickets declared in their first innings.

After lunch today, when Gloucestershire's score was 70 for two, Johnson and Ring routed the remaining batsmen for the addition of only 62 runs and thus on the eve of the Third Test, the Australians won by the handsome margin of an innings and 363 runs.

Johnson struck a blow for the tourists in the first over after lunch when, with a single added, Allen made a half-hearted stroke to cover where Harvey coolly took the catch. Allen hit a dozen fours in an hour and three quarters.

Gloucestershire's reverie continued. Monks at 89 gave Harvey another catch, this time at long on, and when Wilson missed a leg break, half the side were out for 33.

Then the rout really started and the last five wickets fell for 49.

THE SCOREBOARD

Scores: Australians 1st innings 774 for 7 declared.

Gloucestershire—1st innings 270 and 2nd innings:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th
Hinlott, b. Ring	9																
Allen, c. Harvey, b. Johnson	34																
Barnard, b. Ring	4																
Crapp, c. Sagger, b. Johnson	32																
Monks, c. Harvey, b. Johnson	5																
Wilson, b. Ring	10																
Hale, c. Ring, b. Johnson	4																
Crifford, c. Morris, b. Ring	1																
Scott, st. Sagger, b. Ring	3																
Goddard, not out	10																
Cook, st. Sagger, b. Johnson	12																
Extras	7																
Total	132																
Bowling Analysis:	O. M. R. W.																
Lindwall	1	1	0	5	0												
Loftus	2	0	0	2	0												
McCool	0	0	5	10	0												
Ring	23	5	4	47	0												
Morris	0	3	13	0													
Johnson	17.1	6	32	5	0												
Hinlott	2	0	8	0													
Byes	4	leg byes 0	0	0													

LACK OF FUNDS FOR WALKER CUP TEAM EXPENSES

London, July 6.—Britain's ruling golf body, the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews, said today that there is so little money available in hand that Britain may not be able to send a team to play the United States for the Walker cup next year.

The R. and A. said the amateur championship fund amounted to £1,000. The cost of sending a Walker cup team to the United States was estimated at £6,000.

Before making an appeal for funds, the R. and A. is to seek the views of golf clubs on a proposal that each club contribute annually a sum equal to the annual subscription of one member.—Associated Press.

AUSTRALIA'S HASSETT

In the chosen twelve there are a fine mixture of batting potential and varied bowling. Emmett, Washbrook, Edrich, Compton, Crapp, Yardley and Doherty are all good batsmen with whom might be paired both wicket-keeper Evans and Laker.

Much, however, may depend on the ability of one or more English batsmen to emulate the classic patience of Australia's great Hassett.

French Cycling Win

Copenhagen, July 6.—The French team of Bridoux and Verduin today won the international amateur tandem Grand Prix cycling event here. Denmark was second, Britain third, and Switzerland, fourth.—Reuter.

OLYMPIC FAVOURITES



On the left, Nam Soo Il, Korean weight-lifter, and on the right, Yun Bok Soo, winner of the Boston Marathon last year. They were top favourites for Olympic titles. They were visitors to Hongkong over the week-end on their way to the London Games.

KOREANS IMPRESS AT CAROLINE HILL

The Korean Olympic Football team, though playing in a match in which both sides changed players after the first half and the Koreans throughout the game, giving all 17 members of their team a workout, impressed very favourably at Caroline Hill yesterday with a 5-1 victory over a Hongkong Chinese combination.

The Koreans seemed to have everything to their game that China's Olympic side lacks and lacked everything that China's team has. It may be remembered that the Chinese Olympic team did not do half so well against a local Chinese side that corresponded to some degree to yesterday's local turnout.

The game was "friendly" in every sense of the word and was highly enjoyable. The Koreans scored their first two goals within a few minutes of the kick-off. N. S. Chung notching the first goal in the third minute of the game and the outside-left, K. C. Chung, the second within two minutes.

The Chinese forward line, despite such stars as Leo Tak-keo and Tang Yee-kei, found the Korean defence a hard to crack but it must be admitted that this was robust rather than the penalty side and two were awarded against the Koreans within a few minutes of the Chinese attack gearing up.

The Chinese had more of the attack as the first half wore on and, after two brilliant efforts by Leo Tak-keo that just failed, Tam Woon-cheung, of Kit Chee, whipped a spinning ball into the net. The Koreans' third goal came just before half-time as N. S. Chung, centre-forward, netted on a rising kick. He also netted the last two goals of the game in the early stages of the second half.

Stars of the team was the centre-forward, N. S. Chung, and the centre-half K. W. Kim.

The Korean team leave for Britain by air today and, on yesterday's display, should give Mexico quite a game of it in the first round even if they lose.

OLYMPIC WAY OPENED

London, July 6.—A new direct road from Wembley Park station to the Empire Stadium, opened today by Mr. Alfred Barnes, the Minister of Transport on behalf of sportsmen throughout the world, expresses the hope that the ceremony would prove the forerunner of a greater understanding among the nations of the world which, it was hoped, the great Olympic sporting festival would bring about.—Reuter.

MORE FIT

The Koreans impressed by their greater stamina and fitness and a pace that was kept up throughout the game, allowing, of course, of fresh blood coming in every few minutes.

They never appeared to be going all-out and played well as a team.

CHESS

CARVALHO LEADS ONCE MORE

Following up a win in his postponed game with A. Birlukoff, played over the week-end, D. E. de Carvalho recaptured the lead in the Colony Reserved Tournament and maintained his unbeaten record by a decisive win last night at the Peninsula Hotel over R. W. Carter.

L. Karpovich, who had a brief spell at the top of the table, also won his game yesterday against V. N. Douness, the Club Premier Reserve Champion.

The former Colony champion had the worse of the game against Douness in a Queen's Gambit Declined and was a pawn down when Douness badly miscalculated a sacrifice that cost him the game.

Arthur Gomes and J. V. Tausz were the first draw of the tournament in a Pstrot's Defence that Gomes could have won with more care.

In the remaining game, Jacob Ramler beat A. Archangelsky.

HOW THEY STAND

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"If you just dropped in to say hello, why don't you say it?
That shouldn't take you an hour!"

McKENNEY
ON BRIDGE

'Fancy' Bidding Wins
A Top Score

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

IN winning the world championship masters individual tournament for the second time, B. Jay Becker of New York had as one of his closest contenders his brother Simon Becker of Philadelphia. Only point or two separated them right up until the last session. Simon finally finished fourth.

B. Jay Becker is known as the "Rock of Gibraltar" in his bidding. It is almost unheard of for him to bid a psyche, or to make any bid that is not right down the middle. Simon has a fair for fancy bidding. In today's hand you will note that Simon employed two fancy bids.

Simon Becker			
♦ A862			
♦ AK4			
♦ A78			
♦ 66			
♦ 743			
♦ 75			
♦ 7532			
♦ K73			
N			
W			
E			
S			
Dealer			
♦ A95			
6			
♦ QJ100			
6			
♦ Q1042			
B. Jay Becker			
♦ KQJ			
♦ 832			
♦ K1004			
♦ A85			
Tournament—Neither vul			
South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1N.T.	Pass	3♦	Pass
3N.T.	Pass	Pass	Double
Reducible Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening—♦ 7			21

Check Your
Knowledge

- In Christian art what is the difference between the aureole and the nimbus?
- How did the story go that Hercules cleaned the Aegan stables in one day?
- Where did the practice of taking snuff originate?
- Which runs faster a horse or an ostrich?
- Name a bird whose speech is supposed to be more human-like than that of any parrot.
- What is the native home of the armadillo?

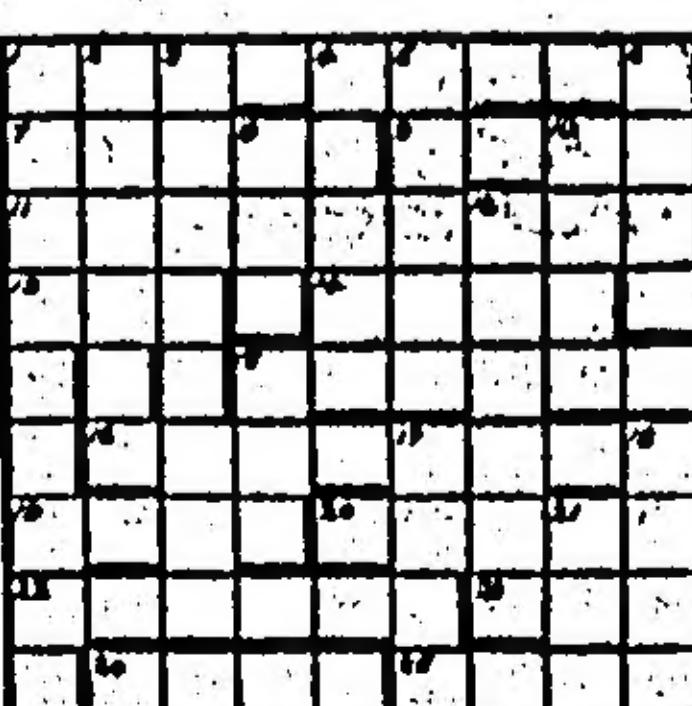
(Answers on Column 5.)



Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B—K1, any; 2. Q, R, B, or P, mates.

CROSSWORD



1. Hesitating (9)
2. Obviously, he's not at home (6)
3. It's the part that's played (6)
4. Eager to devour you'll agree (9)
5. Loosely signifies more (9)
6. Con this for harmony (9)
7. Grows firmly (9)
8. This is a (9) sort of ox. (6)
9. This is a joining (6)

10. Capital of Webster's puzzle—Astoria (9)
11. April 1st (9)
12. A garden (9)
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19. A garden (6)
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JEWS FLATELY REJECT ARAB DOMINATION OF JERUSALEM

Israeli May Agree To Truce Extension Proposal

Lake Success, July 6.—The Provisional Government of Israel, replying to Count Folke Bernadotte's suggestions for a Palestine settlement today flatly rejected any Arab domination over Jerusalem, according to a message from Mr Moshe Shertok, Israeli Foreign Minister.

The message said "the Provisional Government of Israel must make it clear that the Jewish people in the State of Israel and the Jews of Jerusalem will never acquiesce in the imposition of Arab domination over Jerusalem, no matter what municipal autonomy and what right of access to holy places the Jews of Jerusalem might be allowed to enjoy. They will resist any such imposition with all the force at their command."

Marshall And China Aid

Washington, July 6.—A reliable source said today that the Secretary of State, George Marshall, was very emphatic in a recent warning to the Congress against the setting up of an American-administered China aid programme as in the case of Greece.

The State Department made no official comment on press reports that Mr Marshall told the committee that he opposed the "throwing of American tax-payers' money down the Chinese rat-hole" and that Marshall had "abandoned" the Chinese government.

However, one well-informed source said that Mr Marshall felt that the Chinese should take the responsibility for success or failure of the aid programme. Marshall was believed to feel that it has been more in the case of the "Chinese abandoning Marshall" than vice versa. By this was meant the alleged failure to put through the needed reforms for winning the populace away from the Communists.

The record of the China aid programme in the Congress shows that the House' appropriation in the closing hours of the session would have provided for the United States administration of the \$125,000,000 grant but this was later thrown out in a conference to conform to the Senate version, and the total aid programme was put on the basis of Chinese administration with the approval of the President and the State Department.—United Press.

Stockbroker To Marry Princess

London, July 6.—The engagement was announced in London today of Princess Helene Henriette Marie de Ligne of Belgium to Peter Francis Whitwell, a London stockbroker.

The Princess is the youngest daughter of Prince and Princess Albert de Ligne of Brussels, one of Belgium's old titled families.

Mr Whitwell, 37, was an infantry major during the war.—Associated Press.

Archaeologist's Latest Find

London, July 6.—Tass reported yesterday that the Russian archaeologist, Dmitri Leva, has discovered a bone which "resembles a thigh bone of a *Sivanthropus* (Peking Man)," one of the earliest ancestors of man that has been found.

The first such fossils were found near Peking, China. The Russian news agency said Leva found his near Samarkand, Uzbekistan and termed it the first such discovery in Russia.—Associated Press.

Refrigeration Saves Meat During Dock Strike

London, July 6.—Mr John Strachey, Minister of Food, said today that about 10,000 tons of carcass meat had been delayed two weeks by the recent dock strike, but the meat did not spoil because it was in refrigeration.

"I think by great efforts it will be possible in the end to make it up, but it will take months, not weeks, to do so," he said.

Mr Strachey revealed that the trade talks with Mexico were still going on.

"We shall probably get some meat from Mexico if we succeed in making those arrangements," he said.

He then announced the gift of £12,000 from Auckland, New Zealand, and said it would be used to buy New Zealand foodstuffs.

The signing of the Anglo-American Marshall aid agreement as a "great moment for this country and

Found Locked In Closet



Juvenile Officer Arthur Upton chats with Sharon Stewart, 5½, after releasing her from a closet (background) in her San Francisco home. Upton said the girl claimed she had been in the closet two nights and a day. The girl's parents were arrested on a misdemeanor charge as a result. Her father is a City fireman. He was suspended from his job. — AP Picture.

US & European Powers Open Defence Talks

Washington, July 6.—The United States today opened talks with five European powers about the possible American role in support of their defence alliance against Communism.

Ambassadors from four of the five Western European nations—Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands—conferred with the Under-Secretary of State, Mr Robert A. Lovett, for 75 minutes.

Canada's Ambassador also participated.

It represents an "exploratory step" down the road that—given Congressional approval—may lead to the furnishing of U.S. military aid to Western Europe in the same way as the furnishing of economic aid at present.

After the conference, the State Department said, "The Under-Secretary of State this morning received the Ambassadors of the United Kingdom, France, Canada and the Benelux countries for an informal exploratory exchange of views concerning problems of common interest in relation to a Senate resolution on June 11, 1948."

"This is the 'Vandenberg resolution' which placed the Senate on record in favour of U.S. support in broad terms of regional organisations which serve United States interests.

The State Department added, "These conversations are expected to continue for some time since they are purely exploratory. No information concerning the substance of the conversations will be

National Service For NZ Possible

Wellington, July 6.—An indication that the New Zealand Government considering the introduction of compulsory military service was given by the Prime Minister, Mr Peter Fraser in the House of Representatives tonight.

"It is my opinion that we must have a defence force," said Mr Fraser, "and if we cannot get it by voluntary means we must have it anyhow. National service may be necessary to get that force. The intention of national service is not merely one of military service, but of all individuals serving the country in a manner wherein they are best qualified to serve."—Associated Press.

Painter Sues Art Gallery

Venice, July 6.—Giorgio de Chirico, Italy's foremost contemporary painter, brought suit today for 5,000,000 lire damages against the Venice Biennale Art Exposition for exhibiting 13 of his paintings without his authorisation.

De Chirico's group of oils, representing his "metaphysical" period and lent by private collectors, has the place of honour among other painters exhibited, but he refused to let his pictures go. He said his refusal was based on the Exposition's rejection of his more recent works.—United Press.

Miners Walk-Out

Pittsburgh, July 6.—A walkout of 40,000 coal miners began today in Western Pennsylvania, the bulk of commercial miners remained idle in a sympathy walkout. The miners affected belong to steel companies.—Associated Press.

If Plot Against Hitler Had Succeeded, Civil War Would Have Followed

Nuremberg, July 6.—The success of the July 20, 1944, plot on Hitler's life would have led to civil war, a former German General and honorary Judge of the notorious People's Court testified here today.

Spanking in his own defence, ex-General Hermann Reinecke—on trial with 12 other German Generals for war crimes and crimes against humanity—said he did not volunteer to become an honorary Judge in the infamous People's Court, but was proposed by General Fritsch.

To his counsel's question of whether activity in the Court imposed a burden on his conscience, he said, "No, not at all."

Reinecke, holder of the Golden Party badge and honorary badge of the Hitler Youth, said he did not want to be a judge in the trial against the Generals involved in the plot. He was summoned by the notorious presiding Judge Freiher and was unable to back out.

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"No influence was put on me in deciding judicial questions," he said, but he added that only Freiher himself conducted proceedings and was permitted to put questions to the defendants.

He said Freiher was a Communist; he was captured by the Russians in 1918 and had spent years in Russia.

"Freiher was anything but a typical German judge," stated Reinecke, "but he was extremely skillful in obtaining his aim."

"I did not approve the plot on Hitler's life as I considered it impossible to liquidate a political system which was so broadly spread out as Nazism, and was founded on a broad basis."

"This system could not be smashed by a 'general' putsch. If the Generals had succeeded, it would have had the same result as the Kapp putsch and led to strike and civil war and Hitler might have become a martyr."

In his opinion, Reinecke added, all participants in the July plot had violated the military code of the Third Reich. That was considered high treason and the only possible sentence was death.—United Press.

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MONTGOMERY TO VISIT FRANCE

Paris, July 6.—Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will arrive here Thursday for a four-day visit, during which he will meet General de Lattre de Tassigny, the Inspector General of the French Army, and other leaders of the French Armed Forces.—Reuter.

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